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Title: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR PROVIDING WEB BROWSER TRAIL MARKERS	

RESPONSE

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir/Madam:

This Response is in reply to the Non-Final Office Action mailed February 24, 2003. In that Office Action, claims 1-16 were rejected. With this Response, claims 1-16 remain pending in the application and are presented for reconsideration and allowance in view of the arguments presented below.

Claim Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claims 1 and 4 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,444,965 issued to Ha et al. ("Ha"), which relates to a microwave oven and controlling method for use with the Internet. Applicant submits that Ha does not disclose the inventions claimed in independent claim 1 and claim 4.

Independent claim 1 recites a web browser trail marker system comprising a computer, a memory operable to store a single reference to a web page, and a browser coupled the memory and operable to execute on the computer. The browser includes a first button and a second button. Responsive to activation of the first button, the browser stores a reference to a currently accessed web page in the memory. Responsive to activation of the second button, the browser accesses a web page referenced by the reference stored in the memory. Applicant submits that the Ha reference fails to disclose Applicant's claimed invention of independent claim 1.

Ha discloses a microwave oven and controlling method for use with the Internet. A user downloads cooking data from the Internet using an external device, such as a personal computer 300, and sends the data to microwave oven 200 via data receiving section 140. (See column 4, lines 46-50; column 5, lines 1-7). The cooking data is saved to memory 150